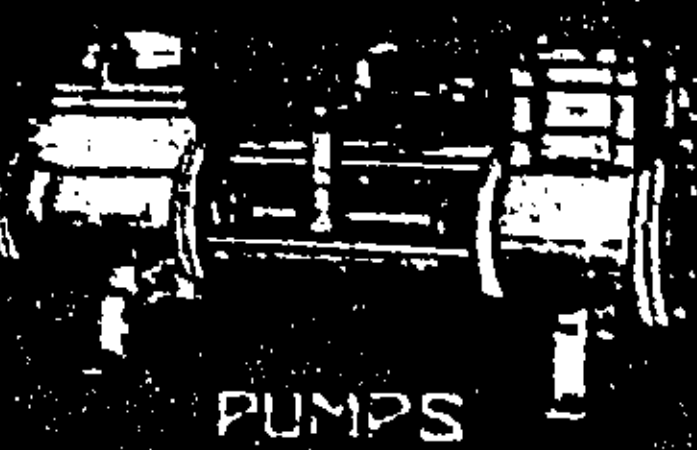


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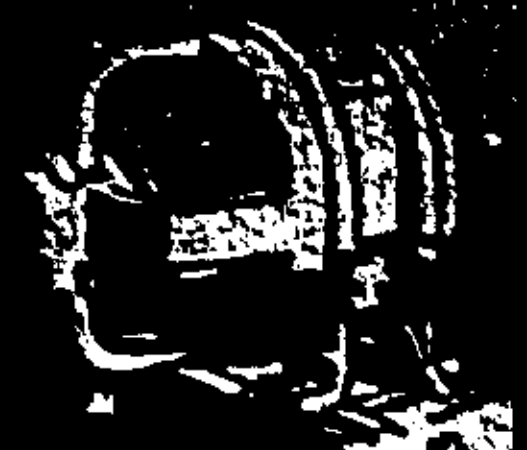
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TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, December 23.
Important documents, 1,500 in number, belonging to the former Military Government of Canton have been handed over to the State Department by a representative of that Government.
Li Han-chieh, Tsuchun of Fookien, has denied the rumour that he is joining the "Canton party." He has declared his loyalty to the Central Government.

Shanghai, December 23.
It is reported that an amnesty will be given to the nine leaders of the Anfu Party on the 1st January.
A report states that Li Han-chieh has accepted the appointment by the new Military Government of Canton to be the Commander-in-Chief of Fookien.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA.

London, Dec. 21.
An authoritative statement with regard to Bolshevik propaganda, especially in the East, shows that Soviet Russia is still waging a remorseless anti-British campaign, particularly in Afghanistan, Persia, Transcaucasia, Mesopotamia and Egypt; the Bolshevik policy being pursued on well-defined lines:—Firstly, a thorough training of emissaries in communist principles; secondly, emissaries sent to prepare revolution in countries specially selected; and thirdly, revolution organised by secret societies in different guises but all directed from Moscow, the members of these societies all armed as far as possible, and bound by a solemn oath, the breaking of which means death.

FARROW'S BANK SENSATION.

London, Dec. 21.
Mr. Thomas Farrow, Chairman of Farrow's Bank, was arrested at midnight at his residence at St. Leonards and conveyed to London Police Station in his own luxurious motor car. Mr. Farrow's bail has been reduced to thirty thousand pounds.

Later.
Mr. Farrow appeared at the Mansion House Court and asked to see a doctor. He said he had been meeting imaginary people on the stairs. The prosecution was formally opened. Mr. Farrow was repaid in £28,000 paid and sureties. Mr. Hart's bail was reduced to £4,000.

COAL STRIKE.

London, Dec. 22.
A general strike has been declared in the Rhondda coalfield owing to eleven men not being reinstated after dismissals. Fifty thousand workers are affected.

BRITISH BURIALS IN HOLLAND.

Hague, Dec. 22.
Corpses of British sailors washed ashore on the coast of Holland in war time were buried at Noordwijk and Sgraverenda. The British minister, and a representative of the Dutch minister of the Navy, attended both ceremonies.

THE INTERNATIONAL CORPS.

Hague, Dec. 22.
The Foreign Minister introduced a Bill authorising the despatch of a Dutch military contingent to Vilna as part of an international corps, commanded by French Colonel Chardigny, which will occupy the region during the plebiscite and decide the fate of the territory.

MR. SZE HONOURED.

London, Dec. 22.
The King and Queen when they received Mr. and Mrs. Sze presented them with portraits of their Majesties with autograph signatures.

PRICE OF PETROL.

London, Dec. 22.
The price of petrol in Britain is being reduced by seven pence per gallon on the 1st January.

OIL IN HUNGARY.

Budapest, Dec. 22.
The National Assembly passed a Bill granting a concession to an Anglo-Hungarian syndicate to explore for petrol in bitumen deposits in Hungary.

EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22.
Four hundred people were killed in an earthquake at Mendoza. Several villages were destroyed.

AUSTRALIA WINS FIRST TEST.

Sydney, Dec. 21.
England, in their second innings scored 281 (Hobbs 59, Hearne 66). Australia won by 377 runs.

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DEATH OF MR. J. C. WILDIN.

Succumbed Suddenly Yesterday.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of Chief Preventive Officer J. C. Wildin, of the Revenue Department, which occurred most unexpectedly yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was discovered by his colleagues lying in one of the seats in the wharfinger's office at the Canton boat wharf. Their first impression was that he was asleep, but, about half an hour later, when they returned to call him for duty, it was ascertained that he was dead. Dr. Koch was at once called and on arrival he made an examination and pronounced that life was extinct, death being due to heart failure.

The body was removed from the wharf to the Mortuary where a post mortem examination was held this morning.

The deceased, who was only 42 years of age, came to the Colony just 20 years ago, joining the local Police Force as a constable. He had previously served in the Navy as a Royal Marine. During the nine years that he was in the Police Force he showed marked efficiency, especially in detective work, and after rising to the rank of Sergeant he was in 1909 appointed a Revenue Officer. In this Department also he proved a sterling officer, being often responsible for large seizures of opium, and on January 1st, 1918, he was promoted to the post of Chief Preventive Officer, which position he held up to the time of his death. He was a quiet, conscientious worker, ever keen on his work, and by his death a valued Government servant has passed away.



The Late Mr. J. C. Wildin.

In the realm of sport, the late Mr. Wildin was widely known and greatly liked. He was a Staff Inspector in the Police Reserve during the war, and was the chief spirit in the organisation of the numerous boxing tournaments which that body held. Later, he became largely responsible for the formation of the Hongkong Boxing Association, and when it came to appointing the Manager of that body there was only one possible man—John Charles Wildin. In that position he served the Association with an enthusiasm that was characteristic of the man, and it will be no easy matter to replace him. Mr. Wildin was also a keen supporter of the Hongkong Dog and Poultry Show, and figured as a prize-winner in both sections thereof.

In regard to boxing matters, this paper has occasion to recall very many visits from Mr. Wildin, who was always most obliging in supplying us with information regarding boxing matters in general. We have ever found him a most courteous, affable and cheery-natured man, and his death is a great loss to the community.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

Chamber of Commerce Report.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—There are still no outward signs of a revival of business. Chinese dealers of old standing declare they have never experienced worse times. Apparently the only explanation for the present "slump" is a complete lack of confidence on the part of buyers, all over the world. Prices, at which dealers are willing to do business, are in most instances far below the actual Manchester replacing cost.

Cotton Yarn.—The situation is practically unchanged. Demand is checked by lack of confidence in the interior. Prices have ruled irregular and about 1,000 bales changed first hands. Quotations are nominal as follows:—No. 10s \$180/205. No. 12s \$185/210. No. 20s \$215/230. Arrivals 1,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock 13,000 bales. Bargains 12,000 bales.

Woolens.—The market is unchanged and the price is little likelihood of any change until after the Chinese New Year.

Raw Cotton.—No business has been transacted and values are nominal. Indian staple \$30/32 Chinese staple \$31/35 per picul.

Metals.—Business has remained quiet during the last fortnight, and in spite of lower exchange prices show no signs of advancing locally. Sales of Tinplates spot are reported at \$11.50 and Bars at \$6.50.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 220,000 sacks. Quotations: American Patent \$4.80 per sack; American Cut off \$3.35 per sack; American Straight \$3.20 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd \$3.15.

Window Glass.—Since our last report the sterling price has come down from 39/- to 26/6 per case c.i.f. this port. Market steady.

Java Sugar.—Market weak.

Philippines Sugar.—Market declining.

MORE STOWAWAYS.

Unemployed Seamen Fined.

Frank Millar (American), William Mason (Canadian) and A. Feirita (Portuguese), all unemployed seamen, were this morning charged by the C.P.O.S. with being stowaways on their liner Montezuma from Shanghai. Evidence was given that these men showed away at Shanghai and gave themselves up to the officers a few hours after the vessel was out of port.

Inspector Spear said that two of the defendants were left behind by their ships, whilst the third was paid off. Some fifty seamen are at present without employment at Shanghai, and preferring to go anywhere than to stay, and "freeze to death" in Shanghai, they decided to stowaway on the Montezuma.

In the case of the American and the Portuguese, it was stated that their respective Consuls would look into their cases after they had been dealt with by the Court. Mason, being a British subject, would be taken care of by the Hongkong Government as a distressed seaman, and sent back to Shanghai.

The Court decided to impose a sentence of 21 days imprisonment on the three defendants, as they had not the means to pay the ordinary fines.

one whom to know was to respect and admire. He made a host of friends in the Colony, who have lost a sterling chum by his untimely death.

With his sister, Miss Wildin, the utmost sympathy will be felt in the unexpected bereavement which she has been called upon to bear.

The funeral takes place at 2 p.m. on Monday at the residence of the deceased, 10, Queen's Road, East.

KWANGTUNG COAL AGREEMENT.

The Situation Explained.

As the letters which have appeared in the *Canton Times* of 20th December, and *South China Morning Post*, of 22nd December, appear to be purposely misleading, a short statement of the actual position appears to be both necessary and advisable from a foreign as well as Chinese point of view.

It is common knowledge that coal exists in the Province of Kwangtung in very large quantities, but, hitherto no real attempt has been made to prove its suitability for commercial purposes.

With a view to remedying this state of affairs, and in the hope of obtaining coal suitable to the growing needs of the Colony, a local Syndicate has been formed embracing practically all the industrial and marine coal using interests in Hongkong.

The best coal experts in the United Kingdom have been engaged to report on the possibilities of laying down suitable and cheap coal in Hongkong and a definite period has been fixed by the Chinese in which this work must be completed.

Having proved that suitable coal exists in paying quantities, the Syndicate have undertaken that on going to flotation Chinese shall have three representatives on a Board of Directors of seven, the remaining four being British. This to comply with the Hongkong Ordinance Company Law.

Half the number of shares representing the capital of the company, which is placed at \$10 million, shall be allotted to the Chinese "free of cost" and shall be called "B" shares. Of the 500,000 "B" Shares of 10 dollars each thus allotted to the Chinese, shares to the value of one million dollars (i.e. 100,000 shares) shall be held by the Company in trust for the Kwangtung Government, and the dividends on same shall form *inter alia* the amortisation fund.

Shares to the value of \$500,000 (i.e. 50,000 shares) shall be held by Trustees nominated by the Kwangtung Government for the benefit of the poor in the Province of Kwangtung, and shares to the value of \$500,000 (i.e. 50,000 shares) shall be held by Trustees nominated by the Kwangtung Government for educational purposes in the Province of Kwangtung. The remaining 300,000 shares to be allotted by the Chinese Directors to those members of the Chinese community who may be most interested in the undertaking.

From the foregoing it will be seen that, far from an endeavour being made to usurp China's rights, the Syndicate have concluded an agreement on co-operative lines of immense benefit to the people of Kwangtung if it proves a success, and, further, that the Chinese themselves, although sharing in the benefits, are asked to bear no expenses in proving the fields.

No cash whatsoever has been paid to any Chinese by the Syndicate, and the only monetary transaction that has taken place was the payment of \$100,000 to the Canton Treasury for the signed Agreement with the Syndicate, for which sum the Syndicate hold the Treasury receipt.

NEWS AND NEWS.

King James I. debarred football and started horse-racing at Newmarket. A modern industrial dispute on a big scale stops horse-racing, but football goes on. One is "the sport of kings," the other the sport of the common people: "verbum sap."

The *Daily Telegraph* has received a message via Constantinople announcing the death, at Sebastopol, of the Hon. Claude Hay, its special correspondent in the south of Russia. Deceased, who was a son of the 13th Earl of Kintore, was 58. From 1904 to 1910, he was Conservative Member for the Sharncliffe.

DUKE'S SON WEDS ACTRESS.

It has transpired that the marriage recently took place of Miss Jose Collins, of musical comedy fame, the bridegroom being Lord Robert Innes-Ker, son of the Duke of Roxburghe. The wedding took place at St. George's Registry Office, Princes Row, Buckingham Palace Road, London, on Monday last. Lord Alastair Robert Innes-Ker, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

FIRE AT KOWLOON.

Valuable Machinery Damaged.

Considerable damage was caused by a fire which broke out in the Kowloon Docks yesterday and destroyed a matched in which were stored a number of packing cases containing marine Diesel engines belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Company. The cause is attributed to the careless throwing away of a lighted cigarette by one of the coolies. The flames soon involved the structure, which was completely destroyed, as also were the wooden cases. The machinery, of course, also badly suffered, and the damage, which amounted to £20,000, represented a big loss for the Asiatic Petroleum Company. The Fire Brigade turned up, but were unable to save the matched or the machinery.

CHINESE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

Vernacular Press View.

The election campaign cry is becoming louder and louder every day. A certain party has raised so much money, or a certain faction has borrowed so much money, to be spent on this campaign, is openly discussed, we notice with regret, says the *Singapore Free Press*. The first election of Parliament was not properly carried out, resulting in strife and unrest. The second election was held under the sole direction of the Anfuites, with result more disastrous. Now, the third election has scarcely begun when politicians are already trying to corrupt its course; the result may easily be imagined. The unscrupulous men excuse their despicable conduct by pointing to the practice of the West. But they fail to draw a line between legitimate actions, as touring lecturing and declaring their political views, and the unlawful act of bribery.

The paper reminds the people that as the orders of the Government have long proved to be ineffective, and in view of the arrogance of the Militarists and the cunning of the politicians, with whom the Government is powerless to deal, the people should not place much faith in the Mandate on the purification of our election system, but should themselves strive to be strictly honest and to cast their votes as their conscience may dictate.

The clever plan adopted by Mr. Liang Shih-yi in mortgaging the Customs surplus revenue, which is already pledged as security for the 9th year Republican Loan, for a temporary loan to pay interest on the 1st year Republican Loan certainly deserves our admiration, states the same paper. Mr. Liang would justify his action by declaring that his sole purpose was to maintain the credit of our 1st year loan. But does he not know that the pledging of the Customs surplus revenue for another loan will lessen its value as security for the 9th year loan whose credit may thus be undermined? Moreover, the daily drop in exchange and the depreciation of silver may turn the surplus into a deficiency one of these days, when the Government finances will receive a serious blow. All our resources have been mortgaged as security for loans. What security can our Government offer if it needs another Republican loan in the future? Will Mr. Liang always prove himself to be so resourceful as he is to-day?

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
Reports from Fengliang, Kansu, state that at 7.30 on the night of the 16th inst. a severe earthquake, accompanied by thundering and violent shakings, was experienced. Houses, caves and parts of the city wall fell in and great numbers of tremendous avalanches took place. Nearby villages suffered more. There were slight tremors for hours afterwards. Reliable information places the number of dead at two thousand. Twenty-five distinct shocks were felt in the first nine hours.

Next night a terrific wind arose adding greatly to the work of destruction.

The officials are doing all they can to relieve the sufferers. Cities to the west are also reported to be entirely in ruins with tremendous loss of life. All traffic is suspended as the roads have been demolished.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
The Chairman, Mr. Brooke Smith, pledges the support of the Council to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases, who asks the ratepayers to stand behind the Council in their efforts to wipe out the brood of vice generally. A largely attended meeting was held at the Town Hall.

MR. STEVENS ENTER-TAINED.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
Mr. Stevens, the Consortium representative, is the guest at a dinner given by the American community to-night. The Women's Club is entertaining Mr. Stevens' wife.

SHANGHAI WEDDING.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
Mr. Harold Browett, the oldest English solicitor in practice here, has been married to Miss Kathleen McNamee Walker.

POOTUNG ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
Pootung electrical supply starts to-day.

RUBBER LIFELESS.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
The rubber market is lifeless. A few deals have been made in standard sheet at 23 1/2 cents and 30 cents.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 3s/1 3/16d.

LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 5.45 p.m.

DON'T FORGET.

To-day.

Theatre Royal—Bandman Co. present "Lord Richard in the Pantry" 8.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow.

Christmas Day.
Theatre Royal—Bandman Co. present "Romance" 9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

BUILT HIS OWN HOUSE.
Mr. W. Jones, a bricklayer, of
Harrow, having built his own
house, has received the Govern-
ment grant of £240.

SOONER THE DECAMERON.
"I would sooner peruse an
unexpurgated edition of the
Decameron than the diary of Mrs.
Asquith," Judge Atherley Jones
at the Readers' Pensions dinner.

FIRST LADY DIPLOMAT.
Miss V. Smith, who has been
appointed a Third Class Secretary
to the American Legation in
Peking, is the first lady diplomat.
She arrived in Yokohama recently
on her way to her post.

GIANT LOBSTER.
A lobster 4 ft. wide between its
feelers and 3 ft. 4 in. long from
tail to tip of feelers has been
caught on a flounder hook by Mr.
Alexander MacDougall, of Tresh-
nish Isles, West of Mull.

**PERMANENT COMMISSIONS FOR
U.S. WAR-TIME OFFICERS.**
The U.S. War Department
announces that 5,589 officers who
served during the war have been
offered permanent commissions
as the result of examinations
during the year.

COMEDIAN'S WAGER.
Following a bet that he could
not drive a pantomime through
Piccadilly Circus at noon, George
Robey, the famous comedian,
performed the feat. The amount
of the wager (£5) was given to
the Police Orphanage.

EARL OF CAVAN AS AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Lieut-General the Earl of
Cavan, who will be remembered
for the distinguished part he
played on the Italian front, has
been appointed Aide-de-Camp
General to the King, vice General
Sir A. Hunter.

AVIATION PROJECT.

Summonses against Lucien
Desbordes and Colonel Frederick
N. Maude, C.B., for carrying on
business as the Aeronautical
Institute of Great Britain without
having registered under the
Business Names Act, 1916, were
dismissed at Bow-street.

ENGLISH ENTERPRISE.

The English temperament,
with its bias towards adventure
and enterprise, is undoubtedly
revolutionary in the sense that
more tradition will not prevent
it breaking with the past. If the
good to be achieved is obvious,
—Sir Lynden Macasser.

ANTI-SUBMARINE DEVICES.

A meeting of skippers and
crews of the Dover and other
patrols at Yarmouth passed
a resolution in favour of a
petition to the King and Prime
Minister for the rearing of a
claim for the invention of the
basic electric anti-submarine drift
net in October, 1914, and other
inventions.

NO SOVIET AT RICHBOROUGH.

Sir Howard Frank, chairman
of the Disposals Board, told a
Ramsgate conference held to
discuss the future of the port of
Richborough that there was a
possibility of the port being pur-
chased in a few weeks. Repre-
sentative of the advanced Labour
second moved that in the event
of the Government not taking
action at once, the workers should
seize the port and declare a
Soviet, but the resolution was
lost by a large majority. A
motion calling upon the Govern-
ment to cease the discharge of
men and at once take steps to
develop the port was carried.

INDIAN CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

A conference convened by
"Britain and India," an associa-
tion for the study of their mutual
interests, was presided over by
Major H. Barnes, M.P., at the
Mortimer Hall, London. Speak-
ing of the value of the Indian
temperament to civilisation, Mr.
C. Jinarajadasa, M.A., said that
democracy was spreading in the
East in all forms. The Indian had
a conception of democracy which
was quite distinct from any other.
It was because of the great
temperamental difference between
Indians and other people that
much misunderstanding had
arisen. When, in some future
day, the cultured men and women
of England would combine their
temperament of action with the
Indian's temperament of ideas,
they would have the sole tem-
perament of God, and many of
the present difficulties would be
overcome. The Anglo-Indian
system of education, and Mr.
Yousuf Ali, had served its purpose,
and was now out of date and
inadequate for the needs of the
people of India. Only six per-
cent. of the boys of that people
were literate, and only one per-
cent. of the girls. A reorganisa-
tion was required in every stage,
from the Universities of India
down to the primary schools.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE UPON UNEMPLOYMENT

London, Dec. 21.

The Government's appreciation of the gravity of unemployment
was emphasised in the House of Commons by Dr. Macnamara who
stated that the Government would watch the position daily to relieve
hardship and secure an improvement of trade. He stated that 265,000
ex-service men, 148,000 civilians and 181,000 women were unemployed
on 10th Dec., compared with 142,000, 87,000 and 54,000 respectively
at the end of August. The problem was accentuated by the dear-
ness of living. The Government had spent thirty-five millions on un-
employed ex-servicemen since the Armistice, but the men wanted work,
not gold. He described the proposals for admission of ex-service men.
The next word rested with the Trade Unions. A Committee had been ap-
pointed under the chairmanship of Lord St. Davids who would assist
local authorities with schemes of work, and in addition to the existing
schemes for roads and housing Parliament would be asked to grant
the Committee three millions. Preference would be given to ex-
service men, and short time would be introduced in Government
establishments.

London, Dec. 22.

Mr. Lloyd George, presiding at the House of Commons luncheon
to the Dominion delegates of the Geneva Assembly, said that much
had already been accomplished by the League in raising the status
of labour throughout the world. Its most conspicuous work was the
establishment of an International Court of Justice, but the League
would not achieve any real progress till all the nations were repre-
sented. He believed that Germany desired to carry out the Treaty
obligations and there would be no obstacle to her admission if she
made the desire quite manifest. He hoped America would join. This
was essential because disarmament was impossible until all nations
were in the League. He congratulated the representatives of the
Empire upon their prominent part at the first Assembly.

Mr. Lloyd George pointed out that unemployment was world-
wide and far worse in Germany and the United States than here. The
only possible exception was France, owing to the work in connection
with the restoration of the devastated areas. The situation in Britain
was not so bad as in 1903. Referring to the attitude of the building
Trade Unions, which he considered selfish, he showed that it would
take ten to twelve years to wipe off the arrears in house building. If
the Trade Unions declined the Government scheme, the Government
would resort to other methods. Referring to the causes of the
depression, he said our customers were insolvent and we were only
selling to Europe a small proportion of what we were supplying them
before the war.

Mr. Lloyd George dwelt on the bad condition of Europe and
pointed out that until she recovered, the prospect was serious. He
contended that if the scheme now being considered by Sir Robert
Horne and the ablest business men to give trade credit in Central
Europe was evolvable, it would be a much more helpful method in
dealing with unemployment than any amount of roadmaking. China
was also suffering because of silver depreciating, and India because
of monsoons, and the non-success of customers throughout the world
in sending in orders for some time. Despite the losses of the war we
had to find employment for a million more men and women than in
1914. He would not like to say we could do it. He thought we should
have to face the problem of emigration within the Empire.

The war brought out the fact that the men who emigrated were
not lost to us. The remarkable thing was that they were there when
wanted, and almost without exception, the young fellows who recently
went out were the first to enlist in the war. Therefore, when we
talked of emigration, we were far from losing the strength of these
virile men, who were a strength to the Empire, whether in Great
Britain or the Dominions. He would like to see considered a scheme,
conjointly with the Dominions, for finding employment for men for
whom he was afraid it would be difficult to find permanent employ-
ment in Great Britain for some time, certainly until the world was
restored to approximate normal conditions.

He agreed it was desirable to investigate the unemployment
problem more searchingly than by Parliamentary debate. He thought
an industrial conference, at which all interests were represented
and at which the various views could be exchanged, would be better
than the appointment of a commission.

Sir John Norton Griffiths appealed for an immediate extensive
policy of State-aided emigration to the Dominions and asked Mr.
Lloyd George to cable Canada, Australia, and New Zealand but not
South Africa—because the natives did the work there—to ascertain
how many men trained in the rudiments of agriculture could be
absorbed with a grant of £100 of £200 each.

Lord St. David's Unemployed Committee has begun alleviation
works with the Government grant of three million sterling.

HOME RULE BILL.

London, Dec. 23.

The House of Commons agreed to the amendments in the Home
Rule Bill returned from the House of Lords, with one or two unim-
portant amendments. Mr. Worthington Evans emphasised that
Ireland was receiving self-government in a form consistent with the
liberties of both South Ireland and North Ireland and the integrity
of the United Kingdom. An instrument had been put in the hands of
the Irish people which, by agreement between the two Irish Parlia-
ments, with the free consent of both peoples, might be used to build
up a single Parliament representing a united nation without any
further legislation by the Imperial Parliament. It now remained for
moderate and loyal Irishmen to prove their mutual goodwill and
desire to act as good citizens of the Empire.

IRISH RAILWAYMEN RESUME WORK.

London, Dec. 22.

The Irish railwaymen, some of whom struck seven months ago against
assisting the transportation of munitions, troops and police, have
passed a resolution deciding to resume immediately. The decision
was reached after the reading of a letter from the Labour Member of
Parliament, Mr. J. H. Thomas that the settlement must be complete
as the Government's intentions were quite definite. No settlement was
possible except by willingness to carry all kinds of traffic.

WORLD DISARMAMENT.

Washington, Dec. 21.

In the House of Representatives, Crooks, a Republican, in-
troduced a resolution asking President Wilson to invite all
nations to send delegates to an international convention at
Washington to consider the means of securing world disarmament.

FIUME FARCE.

Rome, Dec. 22.

D'Annunzio has replied to General Cavaglia's ultimatum that he
does not recognise the Treaty of Rapallo and has decided to resist.
General Cavaglia has accordingly ordered a strict land and sea
blockade of Fiume which will be absolutely isolated and cut off from
all relief.

STEEL FIRM'S FAILURE.

New York, Dec. 22.

The failure is announced by the Stock Exchange of Messrs. Frim,
Foster and Lounsbury, who had been actively dealing in vanadium
steels, one of the stocks involved in the slump. The failure is regard-
ed as one of the most important recently.

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WORLD OF SPORT.

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Tewfik Abdallah, the coloured
player of Derby County, possesses
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side football competitions whilst
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The Times says the Royal
London Yacht Club has received
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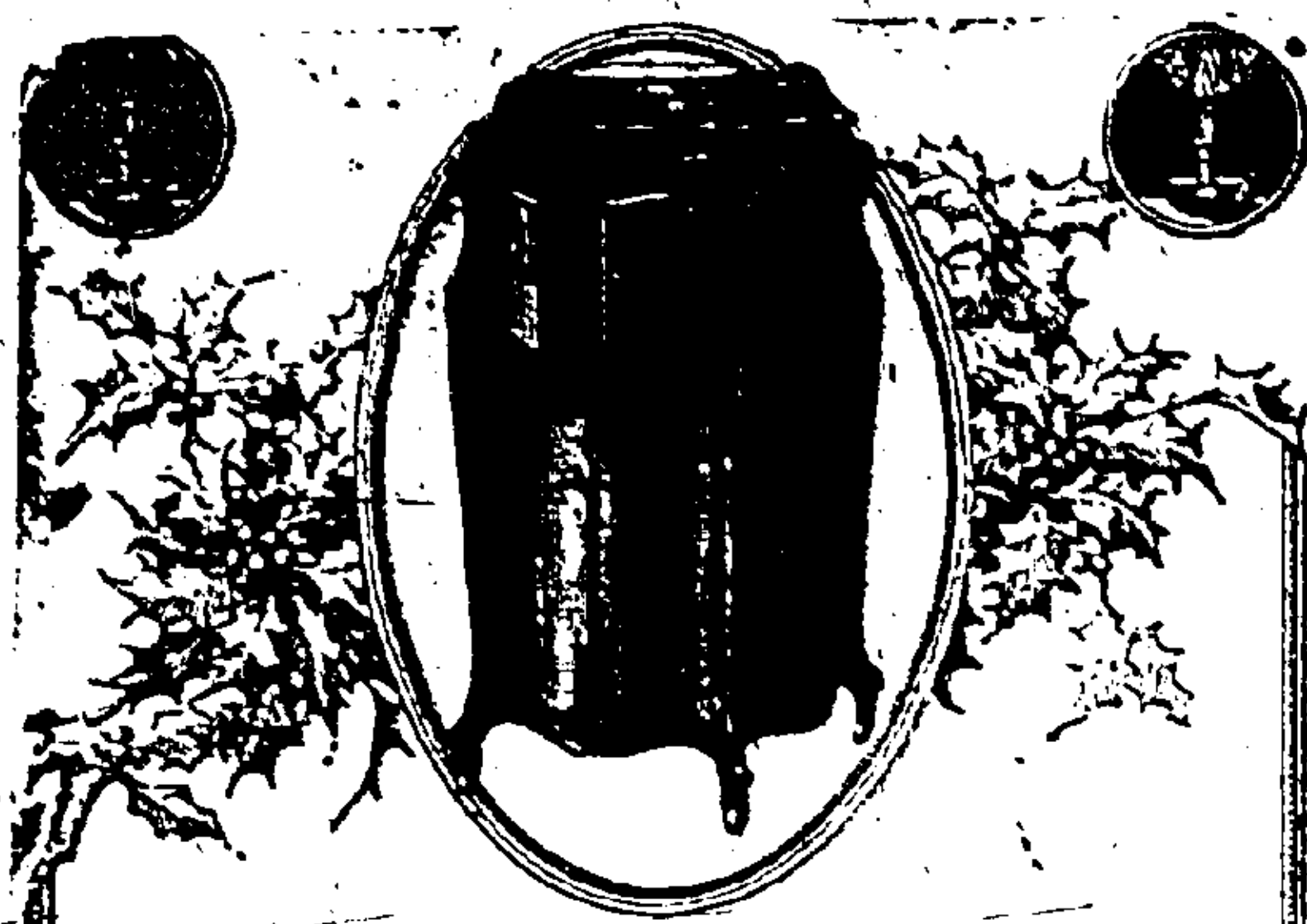
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 2.) LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

London, Dec. 21.
Lord Robert Cecil, South Africa's representative at Geneva, has sent a message to Reuter from his home in Sussex, where he is recuperating from a slight indisposition after his labours.

He opined that the most important decision of the Assembly was the creation of an International Court of Justice. Its future depended entirely on its personnel and judges. A number of States had already agreed to refer minor international disputes to the Court whose jurisdiction was therefore already largely compulsory. Next in importance came the admission of new States to the League. It was a good augury for the future reconciliation of the world that their enemies Austria and Bulgaria had been admitted unopposed. The admission of Germany would be determined on the principles laid down in the case of Bulgaria, namely, whether she was sincere in her intention of observing her international obligations. The Assembly's recommendations for disarmament were most valuable if carried out. A far more important proposal was that a Civilian Commission be appointed to advise the existing Military Commission to make suggestions for the limitation of armaments, while the recommendation to ratify the Arms Traffic Conventions signed at Paris last year should provide a real check on the sale of arms. These conventions would already be effective but the "unaccountable action of the United States in withdrawing from them" was a blot on the record. As regards economic blockade simple measures had been devised whereby the Secretary General would notify the Council of any occasion for its use in order to secure members immediately breaking all political and economic relations with a Covenant-breaking State. Considerable progress had been made on the question of Mandates. The Council had settled for a permanent "Mandates" Commission to which all reports as to mandates should be sent. The Mandates Commission would consist of nine members chosen mostly from non-mandatory States for individual competence. Further the Council settled the "C" mandates, namely the Pacific Islands and South-West Africa, but the "A" and "B" mandates were not settled though it was understood the draft mandates were before the Council.

Lord Robert Cecil opined that it was most desirable that these drafts be published forthwith in order that the world should know and criticize the proposals. The "B" mandates would be nearly identical as their provisions were closely defined by the Covenant, but "A" mandates for ex-Turkish possessions in Asia, which were based on independent native governments advised by a mandatory, would necessarily differ considerably. There were certain difficulties as regards "A" mandates but the sooner they were published the sooner would the difficulties disappear. Lord Robert Cecil emphasised hereafter that if the Council wanted public support it must ensure greater publicity. The question of the League's finances occupied much of the time of the Assembly. A number of smaller nations, including the Dominions, advanced the legitimate grievance that they had to bear a disproportionate share of the expenses. Lord Robert Cecil declared that the standard would undoubtedly be changed at or before next Assembly on the terms that any change made would be ante-dated. There was much criticism also as to the League's expenditure but this was unwarranted. The League was costing a million yearly spread over forty-two States, which was a small premium against war insurance but a large proportion of the money came from the British Empire the smaller parts of which paid much too large a share. Even so this was infinitesimal compared with the cost of war. He concluded that it was little short of a miracle that forty-two countries had been brought into close co-operation on equal terms in so short a time. Their daily meetings had already removed an immense number of national misunderstandings and the Assembly was an unqualified success, this viewpoint justifying his increased confidence in the future of the League.

IRELAND'S TROUBLES.

London, Dec. 22.

No further details of the battle of Mullinabone mentioned yesterday have hitherto been received beyond the official report which mentions three separate encounters between military and Sinn Feiners, resulting as far as is known in sixteen Sinn Fein casualties. One soldier was wounded. No mention is made of prisoners captured.

A party of armed men raided Cork Post Office and held up the staff and public with revolvers. A policeman on duty at the office fired at the raiders, killing one. Several persons were wounded.

The military subsequently searched the building and captured a wounded raider.

RACIAL RIOTS.

Melbourne, Dec. 21.

There have been serious riots at Broome owing to racial antipathy between Japanese and Malays. A thousand Japanese searched the town for Malays, and two Japanese were killed, and two Malays seriously injured. The authorities read the Riot Act.

Perth, W.A., Dec. 22.

The situation at Broome is now in hand. The leading Japanese businessmen have apologised and offer to do all in their power to restore order. The Japanese rioters and Malayan pearl fishers are segregated in different camps and whites are patrolling the town.

ALLIED CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

Paris, Dec. 21.

The next conference of Allied Premiers will be held at Nice in the first week of January. The questions to be discussed include Reparations, Greece and the East.

PARIS MEDICINE ACADEMY CENTENARY.

Paris, Dec. 20.

M. Millerand presided in Anis at the Paris Medicine Academy Celebration, commemorating the foundation of that learned body 100 years ago. Nearly all nations of the civilised world had sent delegates, notably England, China, United States, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

ANGLO-CHINESE ENTERPRISE.

An Anglo-Chinese mining concern is seeking extensive mining concessions in Northern Saghalien.

PROPOSED STEEL PLANT.

The establishment of a steel plant at Chinwangtao is proposed by the Kailan Mining Administration.

JAPANESE OIL COMPANY'S QUEST.

The Dai Nippon Oil Company is seeking to acquire concessions at Samarinda.

JAPANESE IRON MARKET.

The tone of Japanese iron market is slightly better than it has been for some time, but is still far below normal.

OIL SURVEY OF SPAIN.

Appeal is made the Government by the newspaper *El Debate* to appoint an expert commission to conduct a survey to determine whether there are oil deposits in Spain.

NEW PAPER WORKS.

It is stated that an up-to-date paper works is to be established at Sincawei, and that construction will begin at an early date. The paper will be manufactured from hay and straw, and the name of the concern will be the Yuen Kee Paper Manufacturing Co.

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE.

Japan's foreign trade for November amounted to ¥216,581,000, including ¥106,958,900 in exports and ¥109,622,000 in imports, with ¥2,965,000 in favour of the latter. The aggregate sum of excess of imports over exports since January amounts to ¥359,586,000.

SEATTLE CHINESE RETURNING TO CHINA.

More than 100 Chinese residents in Seattle left for China on the British steamship *Tyndareus*, according to immigration officials, the largest number leaving Seattle on one vessel for several years. The movement of Chinese to the Orient has been particularly heavy recently, officials said. Many of them are returning, they said, to celebrate the Chinese New Year. A number of those leaving will remain in China, according to their declarations.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN'S RETURN.

A message from Seattle states:—The Oriental passenger steamship line, when it is established, will receive liberal patronage in China, and will be the most potent force linking this city to that country, in the opinion of Sir Francis Aglen, director of Chinese customs, now in Seattle en route to Peking. He is returning to China after a six months' sojourn in England and America. Forty-odd Customs stations are maintained under the direction of Sir Francis, covering ports from Manchuria to Burma. Collections during 1919 amounted to 46,000,000 taikuan, or Customs taels, the equivalent of about \$70,000,000.

RUSSIAN TRADE VIA SEATTLE.

From Seattle arrives a statement that "Press reports of a syndicate of Pacific Coast capitalists organized for the development of coal, oil and fishery resources of Northeastern Siberia with the permission of soviet Russian authorities, coupled with the announcement that the deal involved Seattle waterfront property, prompted investigation here at the time the State Department concerned itself with the so-called Washington D. Vanderlip deal. The Russian government has \$2,000,000 worth of railroad material stored on a waterfront property leased to the Seattle representative of the Russian mission of ways and communications. However, it is understood that no waterfront terminals are owned outright by the Russian government here. During the war a tremendous tonnage was shipped through Seattle to Siberia for use of Russian government."

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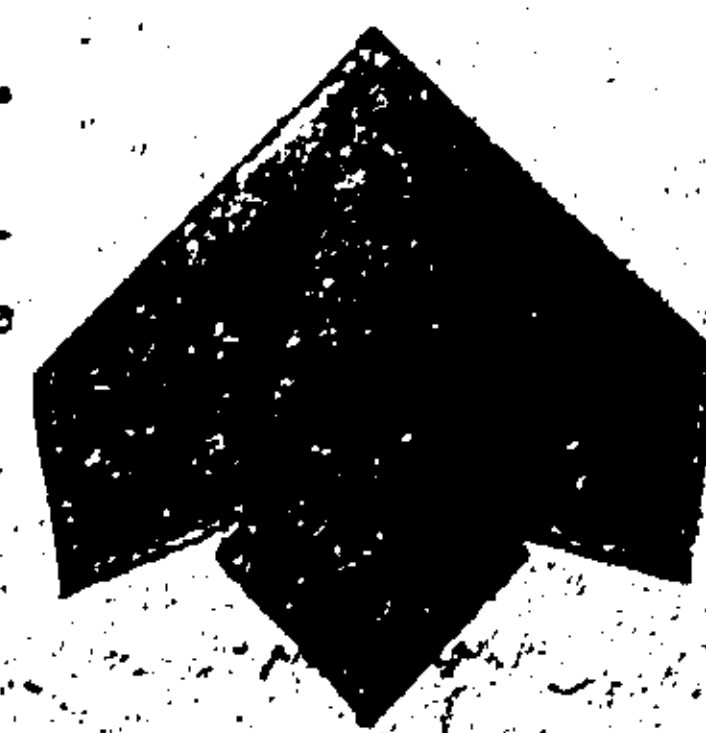
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1920.

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CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

From EUROPE & STRAITS.

The Company's Steamship

"TAKUSHIMO MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon Today.

Goods not cleared by the 28th Dec., 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

From SOURABAYA, SAMARANG, TEGAL, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE & SAIGON.

The Steamship
"LAKE FARRAR"

having arrived on December 17th, from the above mentioned ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must take immediate delivery of same alongside, and all cargo impeding discharge will be landed at their risk and expense into the hazardous Godowns of Messrs Frank Waterhouse & Co. Yaumati Shelter, and at at consignees' risk.

Consignees must produce an Import Permit before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be landed in Frank Waterhouse & Co's godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs Carmichael & Clarke on December 21st 1920 at 2.30 p.m.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer or godowns. Goods remaining undelivered after December 24th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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From JAPAN

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 22nd inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 7th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

S.S. "SIBERIA MARU"

From SAN FRANCISCO via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
& MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Wednesday, the 22nd Dec., 1920, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday the 29th Dec., 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined on Thursday the 30th December, 1920, at 11 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1920.

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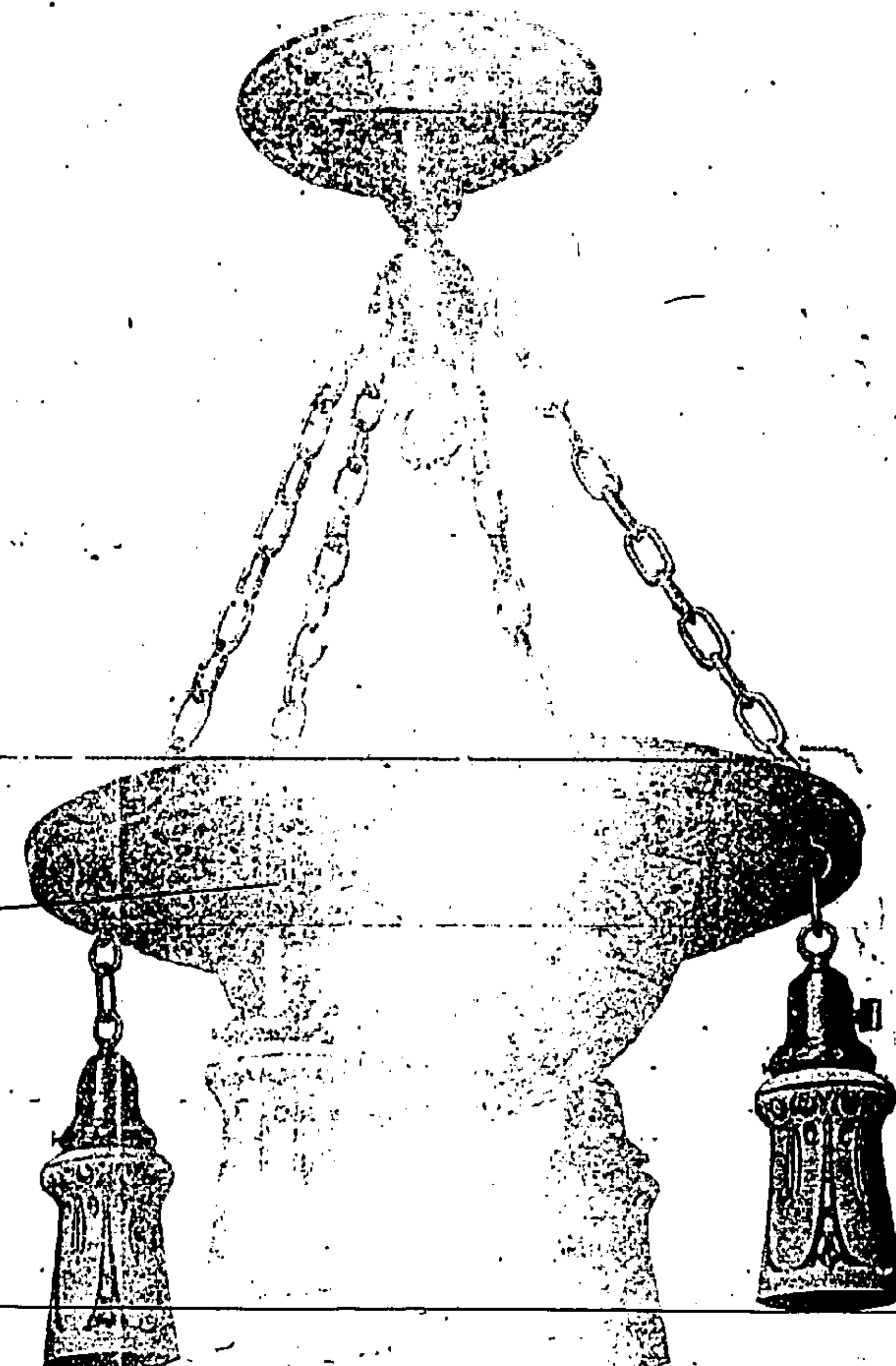
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Death.

CARRIE—on the 23rd. December, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrie, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1920.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Another Christmas! While the year is proceeding the months may sometimes seem to last, but when we reach December and the great annual festival is upon us the memory goes back to the preceding celebration as a happening of yesterday. Yet the recurrence is ever welcome, for Christmas has a charm that has descended to us from the centuries, a charm that time has not dimmed. For near half a decade this illustrious day to Christendom, hallowed by its message of peace and goodwill to men, was obscured with the pall of tremendous conflict, and the joyous festival lay in a state of suspended animation. The terrible carnage has passed, and when we awake to-morrow, whether we remember Milton or not, our hearts will echo his song of the Nativity.

There is a story, and it is the story of the world, in the glad acclaim of the Prince of Peace. To Englishmen in particular Christmas has a perennial appeal. Its sacred import is inculcated in countless churches throughout their far-flung realm, in spite of new theories and "advanced" criticism. The festive aspect has long been agreeable for its periodic reunion of family and friends, in which heart-warming atmosphere misunderstandings and vexations dissolve into air. Not quite the same now perhaps as when Dickens wrote his inimitable "Christmas Carol," the festival retains many of the familiar features, if the carols themselves have faded, or taken new form. Year after year the thoughts, not of the juveniles only, turn to the savoury turkey and the steaming pudding, the decorations and the Christmas-trees, even to the old Yule logs, though we are here, with sunnier skies, have less need of these. It will help the link in the association of ideas if we remember, when we sit down to dinner to-morrow, that notwithstanding, or rather because of, the geographical difference in time—our kindred will almost simultaneously be sitting down to theirs, "Christmas dinner" being a middle-of-the-day repast for most people in the Old Country.

The world at large, we may say, is at peace to-day. In this transitional stage language must be comparative, if the eye looks around the various quarters of the globe war-clouds may be discerned in more than one area, and the ugly blot of Bolshevism remains to remind us of the tasks that humanity has yet to shoulder. Still, we may rejoice that there is no clash of arms between great Powers, and that, if more slowly than our hopes would dictate, an advance is being made towards universal harmony. The end of 1920 finds the Empire at peace in its major relations, and while Ireland, saying nothing of Mesopotamia and Persia, continues to be a source of grave disquietude one feels that at this season the element of discord may be permitted to pass from our thoughts in the assurance that the authorities are holding steadfastly on their way through a painfully difficult situation. As immediately concerning those of us located in the Colony the recent disturbances at Canton have had their adverse effect upon the complexion of things here through their repercussion upon Hongkong's commerce, which in other respects also has undergone an eclipse in late weeks, as too eloquently testified by the exchange barometer. Consolation may be fairly found on this score by taking the twelvemonth as a whole, during which we have seen the dollar soar to the unprecedented altitude of over 5—so that we had the silvery lining in advance. Just now the outlook is certainly not bright, yet it would be easy to over-estimate the significance of the stagnation. After the world-upheaval a far worse condition would not have been astonishing.

On the whole the Colony has emerged more than creditably from the long ordeal and its immediate aftermath. If just now tokens of depression show themselves in various forms, these are but part of the almost inevitable vicissitudes of a great reconstructional period affecting not a colony or a country, but the world. At Home, where the problem has had to be handled on a vast scale, there have been many encouraging features, such as growth of exports, in spite of the coal strike, and gradually improving industrial relations, to place against the factors on the other side. It is not inappropriate either to remember just now that the organisation for promoting universal comity is in session, and while it has not accomplished all that ardent peace-lovers could have wished it has made a by no means negligible start along the road to international concord. It is not a little thing that forty of the nations of the earth have begun to travel the path to the Millennium, distant though it be. And so, with omens of hope, and with symptoms of the festival surrounding us on all hands, we take a three-day leave of our readers, having decided, like the Home Press, to defer further publication till Tuesday, during which interval we sincerely trust that one and all will wholeheartedly enjoy the various attractions of a Merry Christmas.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The University.

We do not intend analysing in detail the Bill amending the University Ordinance, which was read a first time at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council. There is no necessity at the moment to do so. The main fact is that the Government has taken a firm grip of the situation, and so long as Government control is assured, there should be no recurrence of the terrible mess into which the affairs of the institution got before the Commission was appointed to look closely into the situation. It was chiefly in regard to finances that the muddle was created, and that need hardly be wondered at when we are told that although there was a Finance Committee in existence it was often never consulted in matters of expenditure and generally appeared to be quite subservient to the University Council. The new Finance Committee is to have complete control of the finances of the University, a step which is rightly regarded as essential. The Government, in view of the large expenditure of public money involved, feels bound to retain a power of general supervision for a limited period, so says the concluding paragraph of the Bill. That, we can understand, for we recall that at the last meeting of the Executive Council no less a sum than a million dollars was voted as a grant in aid to the University, this including \$600,000 to pay off an overdraft at the Bank. However, the powers vested in the Governor-in-Council for this purpose of general supervision are extremely widely drawn, for the Governor-in-Council can over-rule any decision whatever of the Council, Senate, Board of Faculties or Finance Committee, the only limit of time indicated in the amended Bill being that contained in the sub-clause which reads that "it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council at any time to suspend wholly or in part the operation of this section, or to declare that this section shall be repealed wholly or in part." In other words, the Government "takes over" the University, and even the Finance Committee's control is subject to veto.

Volunteer Appointments.

Apart from the question of promotions and appointments there is not a great deal in the amendments to the Volunteer Bill now before the Legislative Council. The other matters dealt with are mainly formal alterations that need worry members of the Corps but little matters that scarcely affect them at all as members. But the question of taking away their privilege to recommend certain men as officers and N.C.O.s to fill vacancies as they arise is something that will possibly cause a good deal of comment. When the original Bill was brought in one of the strongest inducements held out to the young men of the Colony to join was that the Corps would be on a democratic basis, that they would be officered by men whom they had chosen because they knew that such men were the best fitted. That privilege made a strong appeal and it is safe to say that the officers and N.C.O.s of the Corps to-day are able and popular. But it has been seen fit (we are not told for precisely what reason) to revert to the old practice of promotion by selection of the Commandant and others above him. In the case of officers the granting of a Commission has always rested with His Excellency the Governor and will so rest, but he followed the wishes of the men when the Corps was reorganised. The question men will be asking themselves is "Whose wishes will he follow now?" Will social position and favouritism count more than efficiency? It often did in the old days, with the result that the Defence Corps suffered more than a little through the incompetence of its commissioned members. So long as efficiency and suitability are made the governing factors, then there will be no complaint. Men don't want to be given democratic powers just to have their vanities tickled; they wanted to exercise those powers for a purpose and so long as that purpose is kept in view it is really immaterial in whose hands the recommendation rests. The same observations necessarily apply in the case of N.C.O.s. Merit should be the guiding principle.

DAY BY DAY.

REMEMBER ALL, BE MERRY ALL, WITH GARLANDS DRESS THE FESTIVE HALL, PREPARE THE SONG, THE FEAST, THE BALL, TO WELCOME MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The next issue of the *Telegraph* will appear on Tuesday. We wish our readers a very merry Christmas.

One non-fatal case of diphtheria (Eurasian) was notified yesterday.

Work on the erection of the War Memorial at St. John's Cathedral is now in progress.

The sailing date of the Blue Funnel steamer Hector, for Liverpool, has been altered from January 11 to January 18th.

We learn from the Traffic Department that all night restrictions on hired motor cars have been suspended on the nights of December 24, 25, 27 and 31.

Last evening an organ recital and carol service were held at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. There was an excellent congregation, and Mr. Thomas Martin at the organ gave great pleasure by the excellence of his playing.

A Chinese ricksha coolie was injured in a collision between his vehicle and a motor bicycle yesterday in Des Voeux Road West. His injuries were, however, not considered serious, though they were sufficient to necessitate his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

One of the men who took part in the armed robbery at Bowen Road yesterday has been arrested by the Police in the Central district. He put up a desperate struggle, and had it not been for the timely assistance of an Indian constable, would have succeeded in overpowering the lunkong who endeavoured to arrest him.

The "Yellow Ticket" was last night witnessed by a fairly large audience at the Theatre Royal. Miss Beryl Barracough as "Marya Varenka," Mr. Forbes Russell as "Count Nikolai Rostov," and other members of the cast individually contributed to the general success of the play by their impressive acting. At the close, the members of the Bandman Comedy Company came in for an ovation. To-night "Lord Richard in the Pantry," which achieved a great success on its first presentation, is to be on the boards.

A successful Whist Drive was held last evening at the Catholic Men's Club. There was a good attendance and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were, as usual, excellent. The following were the prize winners:—Ladies:—1, Miss Pile, 171; 2, Mrs. Reynolds, 171; 3, Mrs. Prickett, 168; Booby Prize, Mrs. Chesley, 142. Gents:—1, Mr. Murphy, 183; 2, Mr. Jarvis, 177; 3, Mr. Sampson, 175; 4, Mr. Osborne, 174; Booby Prize, Mr. Dawson, 133. Mr. R. Spetigue performed the duties of M.C., and the prizes were presented by Mr. R.W. Brown.

BOXING DAY CRICKET.

United Services v. Hongkong.

The following have been selected to represent the United Services against Hongkong on Boxing Day:—Lt. Franks, a.s., (Capt.), Lt.-Col. Greig, a.s., Com. Stanley, a.s., Rev. Purcell, a.s., Lt. Stewart, a.s., Lt.-Com. Drew, a.s., Capt. Davies, a.s., Capt. Olliver, a.s., Major Bagnall, a.s., Lt. Graham, a.s., Major Edwards, a.s.

UNIVERSITY V. CLUB DE BECCO.

The following will represent the University in the above friendly match to be played on the University ground on Monday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp: D. K. Sam, (Capt.) K. S. Chubb, C. H. Yeoh, S. H. Ong, B. C. Lee, T. O. Yow, E. H. Lim, M. K. Yue, M. S. Osman, H. M. Soo, and W. Yew.

CHEAPER LIGHT FOR KOWLOON.

China Light and Power Co.'s Decision.

The second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the China Light and Power Company (1919) Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the Offices of the Company at St. George's Buildings. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were present Messrs A. H. Compton and H. P. White (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. Walter J. Hawker, a.c.s. (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs M. S. Northcote, R. G. Wilton, George Grindle and A. A. Cordeiro. The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the accounts now in your hands, which with your permission, we will take as read, show again a satisfactory increase on last year's figures, especially so when you consider that we are comparing the work of 14 months last year with that of only 12 months this year. With the balance of \$111,650.33 at credit of Profit and Loss A/c we propose:

To pay a Dividend of 10%	\$ 50,000.00
To place to Credit of Bad and Doubtful Debts A/c	5,150.33
To place to Credit of Staffs Provident Funds	3,500.00
And to write off Good-will Account	30,000.00
	\$ 141,650.33

We trust this will meet with your approval. As our funds are now very low we have had to call up the remaining \$2.00 per share still unpaid on 100,000 shares; this will be payable \$1 on 1st March and \$1 on 2nd May and notices to shareholders in the usual form have been already sent out. Good progress has been made with work on the new factory but of course it has suffered from the delay incidental nowadays in getting machinery from home. The bulk of the new plant is, however, now here or on the way and we fully expect, unless something unforeseen happens, to be installed in our new quarters by March. With modern plant and increased production our costs should be reduced and in view of this we have decided to meet the wishes of our friends in Kowloon and reduce at once our charge for private lighting. From 1st January, therefore, the rate for private consumers will be 20 cents per unit which for a modest installation like ours will, we think, compare favourably with what is charged elsewhere. In the good times to come when Kowloon has developed as it is bound to do and our turnover has correspondingly increased, we should be able to put our customers on a still better footing but we cannot afford to do so now for the present reduction will make a substantial difference in our earnings. You will notice from the accounts, which at the suggestion of our auditors have been made out in more detail than before, that we have gone to considerable outlay for putting our main lines underground, but although the initial cost is heavy we shall gain somewhat by the reduced cost of upkeep. It is always dangerous to speak about the future, but I think I may say that new business is always coming along and that our prospects certainly seem bright for the current year, as orders already in hand will materially increase our present output. For the benefit of our staff who have served us very faithfully we have opened Provident Accounts on the usual terms and we hope you will see your way to vote them the small bonus we recommend. I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and the profit for the year distributed as proposed. When that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. George Grindle seconded. There were no questions and the adoption of the report and accounts was unanimously carried. The Chairman mentioned that the next business was the election of the Consulting Committee. Mr. G. W. Barton, who was absent from the Colony, had resigned, and it was proposed to put forward the name of Mr. H. P. White in his place. On the proposition of Mr. M. S. Northcote second by Mr. A. A. Cordeiro, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected as members of the Consulting Committee:—Sir Paul Chater, c.m.c., Messrs H.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Royal Artillery "At Home."

Col. Loring, C.R.A., and officers of the Royal Artillery were "At Home" to the married families of the Regiment stationed here, yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the children's Christmas Tree, which took place in the R. A. Theatre Victoria Barracks.

At 4 p.m. an excellent tea was provided by Messrs Wiseman's, Ltd., of which about one hundred persons partook.

At 5 p.m. a cinema show was given by the Wiltshires and a most suitable programme was screened.

At 6 p.m. an illuminated tree, laden with toys, bonbons, etc., splendidly dressed in the earlier part of the day by the ladies of the regiment, under the direction of Mrs. W. Loring, was displayed, and much to the delight of the youngsters, stood the ever-smiling Father Christmas, who wished them all good things.

Father Christmas handed to Mrs. Loring the various presents he had brought and this lady passed them on to the children, together with a bag of sweets. Following the distribution of toys, the officers collected all the youngsters together, and the tree that had looked so beautiful only a few minutes before was soon stripped of all its glory.

At the conclusion, Father Christmas, asked the children to thank Col. and Mrs. Loring, officers and ladies of the regiment for the most enjoyable afternoon they had given them.

He also called for three hearty cheers and a "tiger," which were lustily given.

The party dispersed at 6.30 p.m. The theatre was neatly dressed with flags kindly lent by the Commanding officer of H. M. S. Tamar, whilst the tree was profusely illuminated by the Royal Engineers under the direction of Capt. Brown, R.E.

Mrs. Sanders and Lt. Biggs played the piano during the tea and cinema show.

Wheeler Staff Sgt. Smith, Wheeler, Sgt. Owen and Sgt. Millar are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment and for the excellent arrangements made.

H. M. S. TITANIA AND SUBMARINES.

The Debating Society.

The first dinner of the above Society was held at the Astor Hotel, the guest of the evening being Captain Averel Sommerville, p.s.o., R.N., seated at the table were:—The President, Rev. Gordon, W. B. Stott, Captain A. Sommerville, W. Norton, A. J. Clark, J. H. Jaggard, C. Blackford, T. Josey, A. Tordoff, E. Douglas E. Rivett, F. Workman, H. Drury, D. Richardson, A. Burling, H. Moore, G. Crouch.

A splendid dinner was served. After the toast The King had been proposed by the President, the toast Our Guest was submitted by A. J. Clark, who said it was only of recent date that events such as this—Officers and Lower Deck dining together—had taken place. Surely democracy was coming into its own in the service, but they were staunch and true loyalists for all that. He coupled the toast with the name of Mrs. Sommerville, wishing them long life, prosperity and happiness.

The toast having been heartily honoured, Capt. Sommerville replied, expressing thanks for the tribute paid him and wishing the Society success.

W. Norton then proposed the toast "The Society," saying that though it was still young, it was a real thriving concern and that its members could congratulate themselves on having made it a huge success. Following the honouring of this toast, the President called upon J. H. Jaggard to propose the final toast "The Home Folks," F. Douglas also speaking to it.

After dinner all participated in an impromptu smoker and dance, those contributing being Cpl. Douglas, St. Moore, Lt. S. Blackford, L. S. Clarke, St. Watking and L. Telegraphist Norton.

Messrs F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$400 each, on the motion of Mr. A. H. Compton seconded by Mr. H. P. White.

The Chairman having announced that dividend warrants were ready, the meeting concluded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

A Greeting From St. Dunstan's.

Sir,—This is the Season of Greetings and Gifts. May I send to your readers Greetings and ask them to send to me Gifts?

These Greetings will, I hope, give real pleasure. They convey the gratitude of the soldiers blinded in the War for the sympathy and help which has come to them from all parts of the World. They carry the news that all we hoped for from the training given at St. Dunstan's is being justified by these blinded men in the very wonderful success that they are making of their lives.

I do not think that anyone would say it gets easier to be bravely blind as the years go on. It becomes easier to do things in the dark, but the demand on the will to keep pace with normal life grows greater rather than lessens. Constant effort is extraordinarily exacting and it is really splendid how the men meet this demand on themselves, keep up their interest in everything and maintain their notable record as workers; some in offices, some practising as masseurs, some as poultry farmers, and others as expert craftsmen.

There are still more than five hundred men learning to be blind in our class-rooms and workshop.

Besides those actually blinded on the battlefield, 23,000 men were discharged from the Army with seriously damaged sight, and, unfortunately, many of these are finding it necessary to come to St. Dunstan's. We are dealing, too, with a number of men whose health does not enable them to make such quick progress as others. At the same time it becomes increasingly difficult to find for the men who are ready to start on their new life suitable homes; there is the universal shortage of houses and a great scarcity of such small properties as the poultry farmers need. Thus the difficulty and expense of settling the men has increased while we have to face enormously multiplied costs in providing for those who are our guests, in maintaining our convalescent and holiday homes, and in carrying on the ever-increasingly important work of the After-Care of the blinded soldiers.

We have also now to meet the expense of moving our headquarters—the offices for the organisation required to look after nearly 2,000 men, and also the classrooms and workshops. The house with its beautiful grounds so generously lent by Mr. Otto Kahn as a Hostel is no longer available; fortunately, however, we have been able to find for our new quarters another house in Regent's Park—a place which for several generations has been the London Home of the Marquess of Bute. The interior has been adapted for offices, and in the gardens the class rooms, and workshops have been re-erected. The place is near the Lake on which the blinded soldiers have taken so much pleasure in rowing, and both from the point of view of fresh air and of opportunities for unimpeded exercise the situation is ideal.

This starting again in the creation of a new training centre for the blinded soldiers has, however, been no small matter, and it adds to the reasons already referred to which prompt this appeal for the generous help of your readers.

The blinded soldiers have created a magnificent record; the plans for helping them back to normal life have worked out better, I think, than anyone dreamed would be possible. I think, too, there is no one who realises what the gift of sight means, and what blindness must mean, who would not wish to help on this work which St. Dunstan's has undertaken.

I trust that any of your readers who are so generous as to respond to this appeal will forward their contributions to me at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Regent's Park, London, O.W.L.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR PEARSON,
Chairman—Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee,
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HAIG'S DISPATCHES.

Foch Writes a Preface.

Marshal Foch has written a preface to the French translation of Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches, which is about to be published by Messrs. Charles Lavautelle.

"The relative poverty of the results to the Allies down to 1917," says the great French soldier, "is entirely explained by their unpreparedness for the tasks of the war. When it began it was fortunate for them that Germany was under the need of facing the Russian Army on the East, and was unable to send to the Western front armies sufficiently strong to give her victory there."

"When relieved of the pressure on the East, by the Russian revolution, she was able to direct great masses of troops, divisions strong, to the fronts in France and Belgium."

"There was little to show that the war of attrition, on which so many hopes had been hung, had brought the Allies any nearer to victory."

Marshal Foch goes on to write of the anxiety caused by the German advance on the Somme, the threatened division of the two armies, the enemy's thrust towards Paris, and the danger of the centre of vital communications being cut.

CRISIS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

In the spring of 1918, despite their losses, 60 British divisions, says Marshal Foch, were to be kept in a condition to fight on to the end of the year. "Lines of resistance were to be multiplied at Amiens, Arras, Bethune, Hazebrouck, St. Omer, and Cassel; preparations were also to be made to flood the country, and the ground to be contested foot by foot."

Above all, a powerful movement of reserves was assured. It was thus that, thanks particularly to the efforts of the British command, more than 200 German divisions were definitely stopped.

115 DAYS OF BATTLE.

The writer sets out, under dates, the various stages of the 115 days of battles fought by the British armies from July 13 to Nov. 11, and continues:

"At no moment in history have the British armies attained so much in any offensive. It was a complete victory, attained, thanks, above all, to the disinterestedness, intelligence, loyal and energetic will of their Commander-in-

Chief, who had made easy the greatest combinations, and made possible the most prolonged operations on a vast scale."

"Did he not intervene on March 21 with his Government, and on March 26 with the Governments of the Allies at the meeting at Doullens, in favour of the French and British Armies being immediately placed under a single command, even though his personal position might suffer?"

"And did he not show himself, therefore, above all solicited to act in perfect accord with the general plan of the Allies determined upon by the new Supreme Command?"

General Foch concludes that on this matter gaps occur in the dispatches which do not allow the reader to realise all the causes of the Allied victory. "It is," he concludes, "my duty to truth to fill them."

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on Dec. 1, 1920.
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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FUN THAT COMES FROM BEYOND THE TWEED.

Neil Kenyon's Scotch-and-Laughter.

The Daily News Special Correspondent, who is trying to discover how our funny men make us laugh, asks an interesting question: Why is there a shortage of English comedians? In an analysis of Neil Kenyon, he suggests that the Scots are responsible.

Neil Kenyon has an unfair advantage over other comedians. He is Scottish.

There is no need for him to try to be funny. He is. So long as a Scotsman has enough of his there is rarely any danger of his being taken seriously in England.

Neil Kenyon has a magnificent supply of f's. With their assistance he can make the most ordinary joke irresistible.

"Three trains go through this station every day. The work is terrible," said by an English porter, I doubt if that would make anyone laugh. Said by an Irishman, it might have some chance of success. Said by a Scotsman, there is no doubt about it. "The funny-kiss-terrible" (Laughter). Every comedian should insist on being born in Scotland. NO JOKES AGAINST ENGLISH.

From the comedian's point of view it is a calamity that the English should everywhere be taken so seriously. We inspire everything except humour. No one can make a joke about us. Our comedians are never given a chance to get a laugh against themselves. We haven't even a nickname. The Scotsman is "Jack," and the Irishman "Pat." The American is a "Yank," and even the German is "Fritz." But the Englishman is always merely an Englishman. It means that our comedians have to work harder for their laughter.

Kenyon doesn't have to work at all. He just makes a few remarks. True, they are pointed remarks—but the Scots always are pointed. They can't help it. There's no doubt that Kenyon has a very easy time.

As a protest against his unfair advantage in being Scottish, I give these typical remarks in English:

He says he's saving up for a rainy day. I believe he's saving up for a flood.

He's very economical. When he gives three cheers he wants one back.

My wife and I have only had one quarrel. Of course, now and then it's been interrupted.

The best of a clay pipe is that if you drop it on the ground you needn't stoop to pick it up.

ROARS—IN SCOTCH.

Such remarks—even in English—are good enough to cause a hearty smile. In Scotch they cause roars of laughter.

Kenyon has the trick of not waiting for the laughter. He always turns quickly past the point. Thus:

I asked him how his wife was standing the heat. He was very indignant. I didn't know he was a widower. When I said (loud laughter).

Then he has to wait for some time.

It has frequently been said that there is a shortage of English comedians. When you consider the number of Scotsmen south of the Tweed, it is surprising that we should have any at all.

I wonder if Neil Kenyon causes as much laughter in Aber-r-r-deen.

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Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1920.

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NOTICE.

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"So poor was my appetite that it was only a pretence for me to sit at the table at all. I had a hacking cough and a very bad pain in the chest which allowed me to get very little sleep. The asthma caused me difficulty in breathing, particularly at night. Night sweats worried me a great deal and I got into a thoroughly low-spirited condition."

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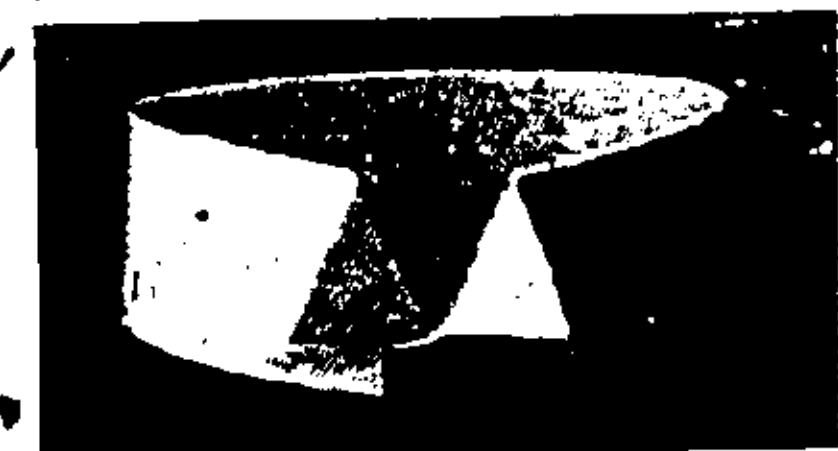
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Rebuke by the West Ham
Police Court clerk to man in the
dock:—"Don't smile. There is
nothing to smile about." The
man indignantly: "It is not a
smile! I've always got it on my
face."

STEEL MARKET TENDENCIES.

Decline in U.S. Prices and
Output.

To an extent, but to rather a limited extent, steel prices are declining, states a Pittsburgh report. It is perfectly plain that price declines fall far short of representing the need of additional business on the part of many of the independents, for there are few cases in which independents have not reduced their rate of operation. Among the large independents there is only one that is operating full, and it is estimated that it will not be able to maintain full operation for more than about six weeks. This interest was somewhat more conservative than various others in advancing its prices, hence its order book was better filled when the period of scarcity of orders came.

In all cases, whether or not there have been reductions, independent prices are above the Steel Corporation or Industrial Board level. A fortnight ago one independent began quoting 2.55 cents a pound on merchant steel bars, the Corporation price, but after a few days it withdrew the price and began quoting 3 cents, which is the minimum of other independents. Either this interest booked enough business at the cut to give it a fair operation for a few weeks, or it found that even the cut price did not attract enough business to justify itself.

THE WIDEST DECLINES.

The highest prices are the ones that are declining the most rapidly. Thus, of all steel products, sheets advanced by the greatest proportion. Black sheets, set at 4.35 cents by the Industrial Board schedule of March, 1919, sold for some time in mill lots at 3 cents to 4 cents, while small lots brought 10 cents and higher. Then days ago the independent market was down to 6.50 cents, with several sellers at that price.

While now 6.25 cents is a common quotation, several mills would probably do 6 cents on a really attractive order, and it is rumored, probably correctly, that on one very good order a mill did 5.75 cents. The Steel Corporation price of 4.35 cents does not count in actual market transactions as the corporation is oversold for the present half year and has not opened its order books as yet for the first half of the new year.

The independent steel makers can be divided into two classes as to their price policy. One class is adhering quite closely to the former prices for the purpose of protecting contracts on books. These mills have enough contract business to make that business more important than the business that might be secured by cutting prices, for if the mills sold at less than contract prices its customers would be disposed to cancel contracts.

The other class, which had higher prices than the mills of the first class, has less contract business on books, and the mills in this class are reducing prices from time to time. They see more opportunity to book business from day to day by reducing prices gradually than by making one sweeping cut. The object of the individual mill is simply to quote below competitors. On the next inquiry the competitors take another step downwards.

OUTPUT OF MILLS.

One hears of some independent mills that are running at only 50 to 60 per cent, against 85 per cent, in August of old business secured by cutting prices. Other mills are running at about 70 to 85 per cent., on old business

LONDON'S FUNNY MEN.

Why Little Tich Makes People Laugh.

Should a comedian laugh at his own jokes? I think so. I enjoyed my own laugh at the Palladium yesterday, but I enjoyed Little Tich's more, writes a *Daily News* correspondent.

Unlike some comedians, he plays the game. He doesn't claim to be the only serious man in the theatre.

I am grateful to him for that. So many humourists insist on being serious—even on the stage. Little Tich doesn't. He rarely expects you to laugh at anything that fails to amuse him. He has nothing of the haughty detachment of the wit.

Apparently he knows that a good laugh is better than any joke. He rarely makes the mistake of offering you a really good joke. He knows that you're more likely to laugh (with his assistance) at a poor one.

HOW HE DOES IT.

Here is a typical example:

"What is a honeycomb?"

The thing people go on when they're married."

It is doubtful if a Tribunal of Humourists would accept it as a joke. In cold print it may be incapable of producing even a smile. But as said by Little Tich it can make a thousand people laugh and laugh again.

How does he do it?

He has no eyebrows to assist him. His nose is genuine. His hat is not abnormal. His clothes might pass in the street. How does he do it?

Quite simply. Gravely he puts the question—"What is a honeycomb?" And he replies in this way:

"The thing—(he begins to laugh)—that people go on—(he continues to laugh)—when they're married—(he becomes almost speechless with laughter)—married—(he is doubled up with laughter).

And his laugh infects the whole theatre. You lose sight of the joke and see nothing but Little Tich, completely overcome.

BREATHING ON THE HAT.

I doubt if his "littleness" has any share in his success. His first entry causes astonishment rather than amusement, and he has to get rid of the astonishment before he can claim his audience. He succeeds at once—not so much by what he says as by what he does. He is a master of the mechanism of humour.

When he polishes a silk hat he makes the whole house laugh—by the sound he makes when breathing on the hat. When he drops his hat, or picks it up, he has the same success. His boots are an inspiration.

But it is his laugh for which I am most grateful. Why should a man with such a laugh trouble to make good jokes?

taken at relatively conservative prices. One large independent seems to be running full. The Steel Corporation, which has between 40 and 45 per cent of the entire capacity, is operating as fully as physical conditions, including fuel and car supplies, permit.

Striking a general average of the entire industry, the rate of operation to-day may be taken as about 75 per cent, against 85 per cent, in August and September. The rate in those two months was made by physical conditions, limiting output. Now, in the case of practically all the independents, the rate is dictated by the state of order-books.

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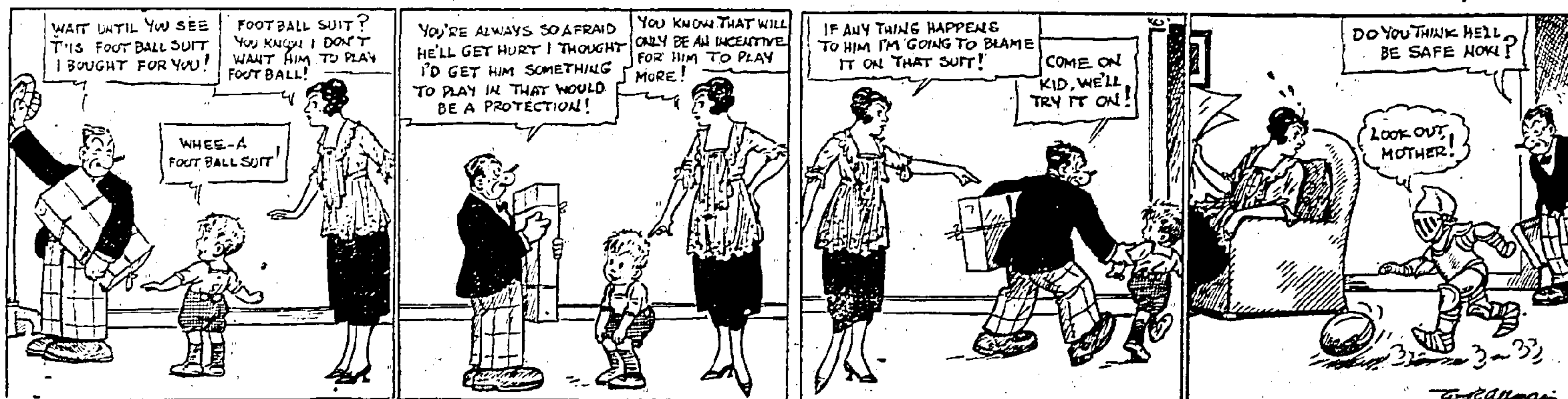
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Alchiba	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 26
Demodocus	B. & S.	Dec. 26
Delight	P. W. Co.	Dec. 27
W. Cactus	S. & D.	Dec. 27
Awa M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Nagano M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Tanda	P. & O.	Dec. 29
Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 29
Romeo	B. L.	Dec. 30
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 31
St. Albans	P. & O.	Dec. 31
Tyndarus	B. & S.	Dec. 31
Sicilia	P. & O.	Jan. 1
Crosskeys	A. L.	Jan. 1
Montague	A. L.	Jan. 1
Taiyuan	B. & S.	Jan. 2
Bolton	C. D. & Co.	Jan. 6
C. of Agre	B. L.	Jan. 7
Asuta M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 7
Rheusus	B. & S.	Jan. 7
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 7
Bremen	P. & O.	Jan. 10
Tydeus	B. & S.	Jan. 10
W. Jester	F. W. Co.	Jan. 10
Hector	B. L.	Jan. 11
Machon	B. & S.	Jan. 11
Dilwara	P. & O.	Jan. 11
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Jan. 12
Hwah Ping	C. A. Co.	Jan. 13
Laomedon	B. & S.	Jan. 13
Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 13
Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 15
Euran	S. & D.	Jan. 15
Deuel	S. & D.	Jan. 15
Tauraga M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 15
Glentara	J. M. Co.	Jan. 18
Banca	P. & O.	Jan. 18
Bellerophon	B. & S.	Jan. 19
Eastern	P. & O.	Jan. 19
Tajima M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 20
Esther D.	R. D. Co.	Jan. 20
Borneo	J. C. J. L.	Jan. 21
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 21
Edmore	A. L.	Jan. 24
Oanfa	B. & S.	Jan. 25

Japan, Coast Ports, Etc.

Haiyang	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 24
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 24
Kumsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 25
Laisang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 24
Kwangse	B. & S.	Dec. 24
Banca	P. & O.	Dec. 25
Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 25
Chenan	B. & S.	Dec. 25
Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 25
Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 26
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Dec. 27
Taming	B. & S.	Dec. 28
Suiyang	B. & S.	Dec. 28
Chusan	B. & S.	Dec. 28
Kaifong	B. & S.	Dec. 28
Dilwara	P. & O.	Dec. 29
Taksang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 29
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Tangshing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Deuel	S. & D.	Dec. 31
Tilatap	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 31
Teau	B. & S.	Jan. 1
Plassy	P. & O.	Jan. 2
Katsu M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 2
Sanuki M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 3
Eastern	P. & O.	Jan. 4
Hailong	D. L. Co.	Jan. 4
Pisna	D. & Co.	Jan. 7
Yokohama M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 7
Rangoo M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 11
Takaoka M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 16
Nippon	D. & Co.	Jan. 16
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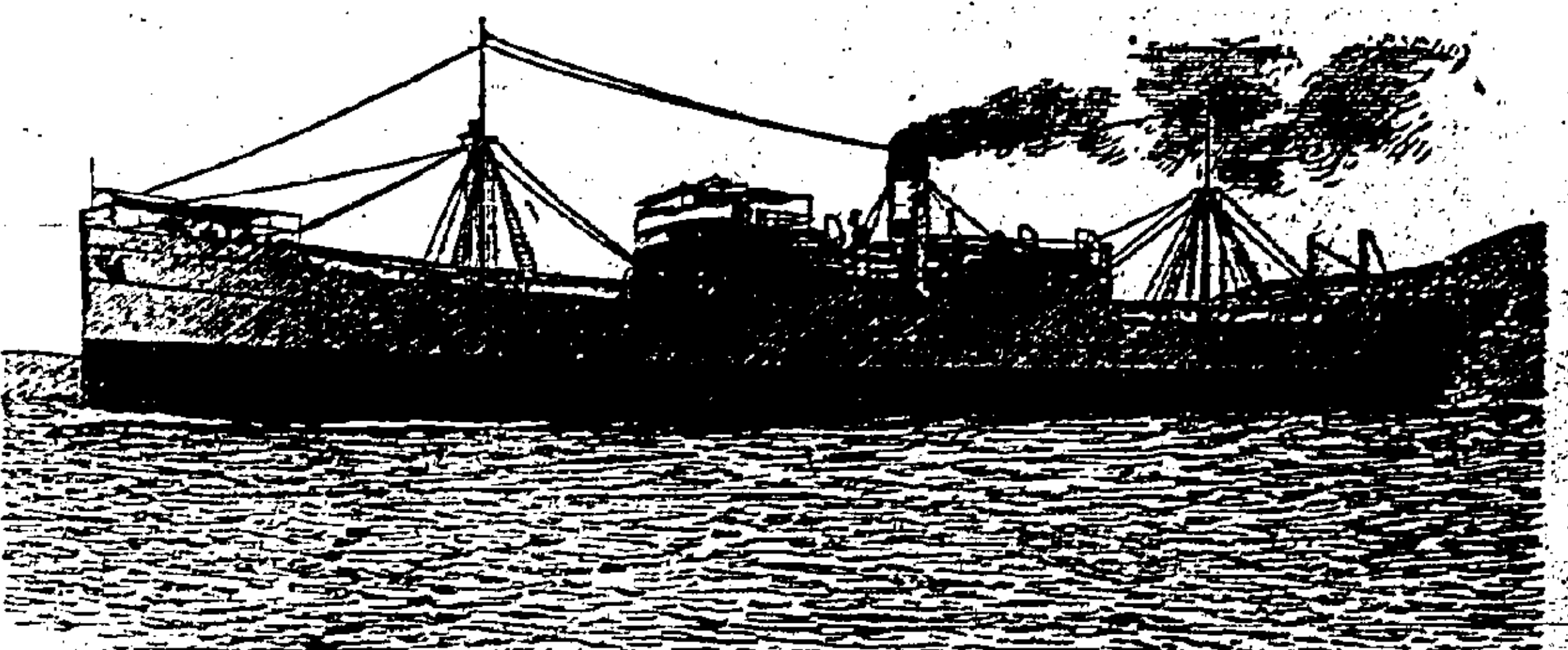
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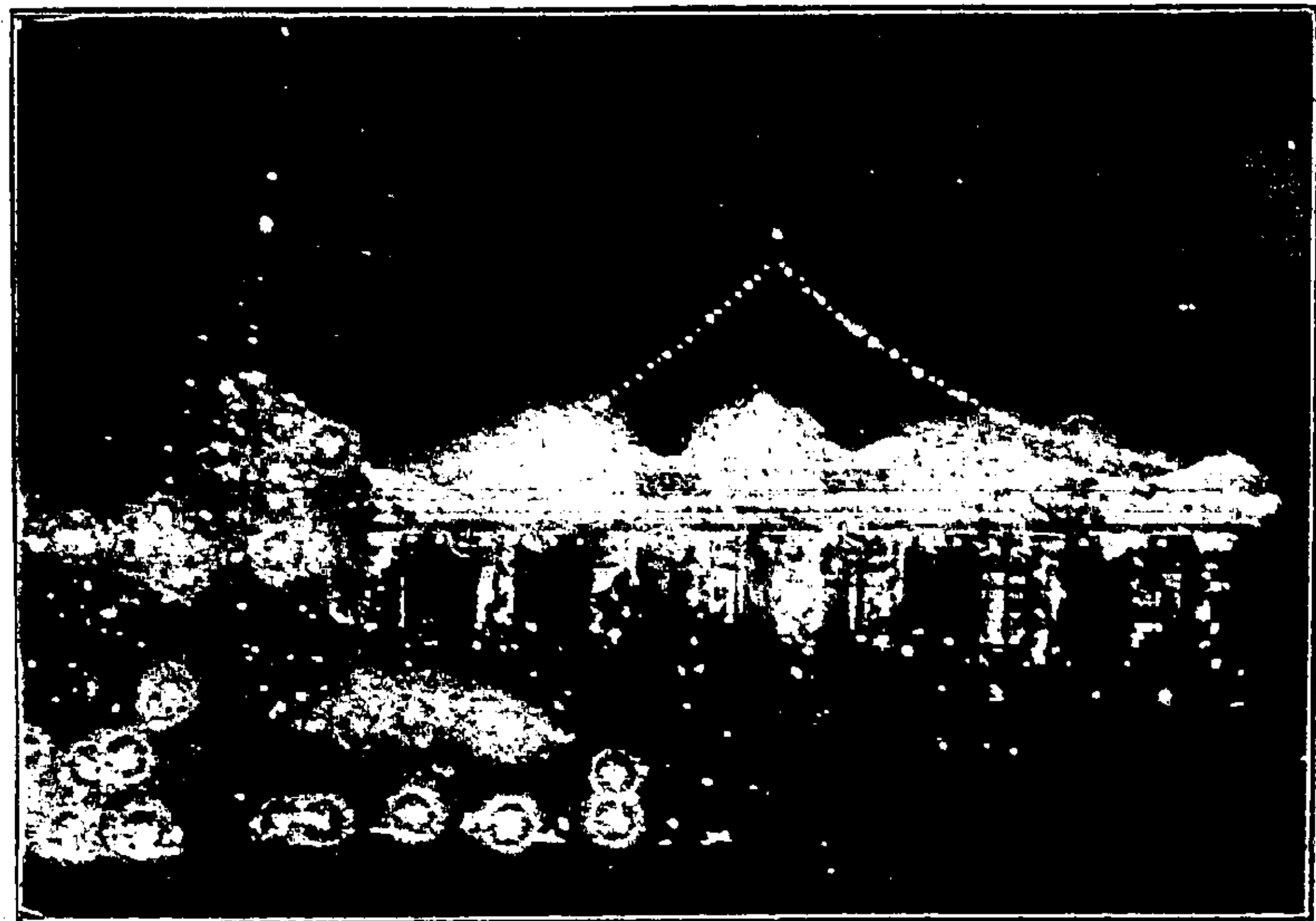
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Snapshot taken at the Garden Party at the Club de Recreio.



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SHANGHAI	Kwangsang	26th Dec. at d'light.				
KOBE	Laisang	29th Dec. at d'light.				
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SWATOW & BANGKOK	Chusan	29th Dec. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW	Suiyang	29th Dec. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	29th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	30th Dec. at noon.
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YOKOHAMA M. (European Line) left London, for this port via Suez, on the 27th Nov. and is expected here on the 6th January.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan, ports, Shanghai on the 7th December, and is due here on or about the 29th December.

The s.s. MATTAWA, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 10th December and is due at Yokohama on or about the 4th January.

The s.s. PROTOSILAUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 10th December for Hongkong and is due here on 3rd January.

The s.s. SCHODACK left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 13th and is expected here Jan. 10th, 1921.

The s.s. ANCHISES, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 13th inst. for Hongkong and is due on 8th January.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 28th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SANUKI M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 13th December and is expected here on the 2nd January.

The s.s. RHESUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 19th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 25th inst.

The s.s. MONTAGUE left Portland, Ore. for Hongkong via ports Nov. 18th and is expected here January 1st 1921.

The s.s. CROSSKEYS left Seattle, Wash., for Hongkong via ports Nov. 18th and is expected here January 1st 1921.

The s.s. SATSUMA left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 21st and is expected here January 15th, 1921.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA M. (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 25th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KOTSU M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 2nd January 1921.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOTOMI M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta, for this port via Rangoon, Penang & Singapore on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 8th January 1920.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NAGANO M. (New York Line) left Kobe for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 28th Dec.

The s.s. PLASSY left Singapore for this port on the 20th instant at 8 a.m. and is due here on the 25th inst. at about noon.

The s.s. LYCAON (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 17th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 13th January 1921.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 16th Dec. and is due here on or about the 7th January.

The M. V. GLENLUCE, is expected to leave Singapore for Hongkong on the 28th inst. and is due here about the 3rd Jan.

The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO M. arrived at Yokohama on the 20th instant and sails on the 23rd instant, in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong January 5th.

The s.s. EDMORE, left Seattle, Wash. for Hongkong via ports Dec. 7th and is expected January 24th 1921.

The s.s. DUQUESNE left New York for Hongkong via ports Dec. 9th and is expected here Feb. 2nd, 1921.

The s.s. METHVEN, arrived at Saigon on 11th December, left there 21st December and is due at Hongkong on or about 25th December.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE, arrived at Yokohama, on 21st December, left there 21st Dec. and is due at Hongkong on 31st December.

The s.s. DEMODOCUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Shanghai on 22nd instant for Liverpool via Genoa and via Hongkong. Vessel is due here on 25th inst. and will sail as above, on 27th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NAGANO M. (New York Line) left Moji for this port on the 22nd December and is expected here on the 27th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YEBOSHI M. (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 22nd December and is expected here on the 29th December.

NOTICES.

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Telegraphic communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

Europe via Suez (Newspapers only, London 18th Nov.)—Per PLASSY, 25th Dec.
Straits and Calcutta—Per KOISU M., 25th Dec.
Europe via Suez (Letters only, London 25th Nov.)—Per KAGA M., 25th Dec.
Saigon—Per METHEN, 25th Dec.
Europe via Suez (Newspapers only, London 25th Nov.)—Per LAISANG, 28th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai—Per IYO M., 28th Dec.
Japan—Per NAGANO M., 28th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To-morrow.

*Swatow, *Shanghai & *N. China—Per KWONG SANG, 9 a.m.
Hoibow & Haiphong—Per YEE YING WA, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China & Japan—Per KAGA M., 9 a.m.
Saigon—Per SUI SANG, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per PLASSY, 9 a.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per CHENAN, 9 a.m.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

From Hongkong there arrived this morning the s.s. KWONG-SEE with 2,383 tons of Coal.
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Sunday, 26th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 9 a.m.

Monday, 27th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 11 a.m.
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20th to 26th Dec. 1920.

Day	Time	High Water	Low Water	Time	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 20	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15
Tue. 21	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15
Wed. 22	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15
Thur. 23	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15
Fri. 24	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15
Sat. 25	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15
Sun. 26	5.25	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.15

at morning, & afternoon

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

OFFICIAL PRICES

Banks.

H.K. & S. Bank b. 770
East Asia b. 125

Marine Insurance.

Canton b. 370
North China b. 153
Union b. 210
Yangtze b. 117 1/2
Far Eastern b. 20 1/2

Fire Insurance.

China Fire b. 125
H. K. Fire b. 316

Shipping.

Douglas b. 63
H.K. Steamboat b. 24 & 24 1/2
Indos (Prel.) b. 22
Indo Def. Lon/Reg. a. 205
Indo Def. H.K. Reg. n. 190
Shells n. 117 1/2
Ferries b. 24 1/2

Refineries.

Sugars b. 210
Malabons b. 50

Mining.

Kailash b. 100-
Langkats b. 134 1/2

Shanghai Loans b. 134 1/2

Shai Explorations b. 1

Rauha n. 25-
Tronohs n. 19-
Ural Caspian a. 19-
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. b. 91 1/2
H.K. Wharves b. 160
K. Docks b. 121
Shai Docks b. 123 1/2
N. Engineering n. 120
Lands, Hotels & Buildings n. 151
Centrals n. 127
H.K. Hotels n. 127
H.K. Lands n. 127
H. Wharves b. 124
K. Lands b. 42
L. Reclamations n. 140
West Point b. 55

Cotton Mills.

Ewos n. 1,360
Kung Yik n. 1,400
Lau Kung Mow n. 1,164 1/2
Orientals n. 1,110
Shai Cotton n. 1,25

Miscellaneous.

Cement b. 94
Do. Light old b. 780
China Light new b. 694
China Providents b. 780
Dairy Farms n. 22
Electric H. K. b. 184 1/2
Electrics Macao n. 21
Hongkong Ropes b. 22 1/2
H.K. Tramways b. 74
Peak Tram, old b. 7 1/2
Do. new b. 75 cts.
Steam Laundry b. 44
Steel Foundries n. 10
Water-works b. 15
Watsons b. 298
Wm. Fowells b. 18
Wisconsin b. 31

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